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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: INTERNAL SWAPO COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS

1. THE FOLLOWING SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION ITEM WAS FILED
FROM WINDHOEK ON JULY 21:

QUOTE: SWAPO REGARDED WALVIS AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF SWA/NAMIBIA
BUT ACCEPTED IT COULD BE REINTEGRATED INTO THE TERRITORY BEFORE OR
AFTER INDEPENDENCE, SAID M.K. TLHABANELLO, SWAPO PUBLICITY AND INFORM
ATION

SECRETARY HERE TODAY.HE WAS ADDRESSING PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER HIS RET
URN

FROM LUANDA WHERE HE ATTENDED THE TALKS BETWEEN THE WESTERN
FIVE AND SWAPO.

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TLHABANELLO SAID SWAPO HAD ACCEPTED THE SAME SET OF PROPOSALS SOUTH
AFRICA HAD ACCEPTED BUT THERE STILL APPEARED TO BE A DIFFERENCE
IN INTERPRETATION OF THE PACKAGE BETWEEN SWAPO AND RSA.

SWAPO AND THE WEST HAVE ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT WALVIS BAY IS PART
AND PARCEL OF NAMIBIA AND TO BE REINTEGRATED INTO THE TERRITORY
BEFORE OR AFTER INDEPENDENCE, HE SAID.

PREVIOUSLY, SWAPO HAD INSISTED THE QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY BE

SETTLED BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. THE WALVIS BAY DISPUTE HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE ACCEPTED BY RSA AND SWAPO. ASKED TO OUTLINE THE MAIN DIFFERENCES IN INTERPRETATION OF THE PROPOSALS, TLHABANELLO SAID IT SEEMED RSA WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN SWA/ NAMIBIA WOULD BE REPLACED BY SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE IN THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. THEY ALSO SEEM TO BELIEVE THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL WILL BE IN FULL CONTROL DURING THAT TIME. BUT, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THIS IS GOING TO BE A JOIN AGREEMENT AND NOTHING WILL TAKE EFFECT IF IT IS NOT APPROVED BY THE UNSR IN NAMIBIA. THE UNSR WOULD HAVE THE POWER OF VETO AND THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL WOULD NOT BE IN ABSOLUTE CONTROL, HE SAID. SWAPO HAS ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS AS THEY ARE AND ONE CANNOT ATTACH ANY INTERPRETATION TO AN ELECTION OTHER THAN THAT MENTIONED IN THE PROPOSALS.

IT APPEARED THAT RSA HAD ACCEPTED ITS OWN INTERPRETATION OF THE WESTERN PACKAGE, HE SAID. ASKED IF PRIVATE ASSURANCES HAD BEEN GIVEN TOSWAPO AT THAT LUANDA TALKS, TLHABANELLO SAID: WE DID NOT EXPECT ANY PRIVATE ASSURANCES FROM THE WEST... WE DO NOT EVEN TRUST THEM. ONE OF THE REASONS WHY SWAPO HAD ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS ENTIRELY WAS THAT IT HAD BEEN GIVEN ASSURANCES BY THE WEST THAT 5,000 U.N. TROOPS WOULD

MONITOR THE FORCE OF 1,500 RSA TROOPS TO REMAIN IN THE TERRITORY
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DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. THE WEST HAD PREVIOUSLY NOT ACCEPTED THIS AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS SWAPO HAD DELAYED ACCEPTING THE PACKAGE. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, HE SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT ALL SWAPO WOULD RETURN TO SWA/NAMIBIA, INCLUDING PRESIDENT NUJOMA. BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN THIS WOULD HAPPEN. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE WESTERN PROPOSALS PROVIDED FOR THE RETURN OF ALL SWAPO EXILES. MR. NUJOMA AND OTHER SWAPO LEADERS IN EXILE WOULD PROBABLY RETURN ONLY AFTER THE WESTERN PLAN HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED, DURING THE OFFICIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN, HE SAID. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, MR. TLHABANELLO SAID HE ESTIMATED SWAPO TO CONTROL 60 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN THE TERRITORY. THIS PERCENTAGE WOULD INCREASE AFTER ALL DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES HAD BEEN REMOVED. THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT SET OUT IN THE PROPOSALS BETWEEN SWAPO AND SAG WAS ACCEPTED AND WAS WORKABLE IN PRACTICE, HE SAID. COMMENTING ON THE INTENTIONS OF MR. ANDREAS SHIPANGA TO OPPOSE SWAPO IN POLITICS HERE, MR. TLHABANELLO SAID HE WOULD FADE AWAY, JUST AS HIS PREDECESSOR, MR. MBURUMBA KERINA, HAD DONE. END QUOTE.

2. THIS IS APPARENTLY NOT A FULL REPORT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE. ONE SOUTH AFRICANDAILY QUOTES TLHABANELLO AS SAYING HE DID NOT

EXPECT THE ELECTION OF AN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE
MARCH NEXT YEAR-- AND INDEPENDENCE NO SOONER THAN MAY.
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